

**A.L.F.:** acronym for Alien Life Form. Made into a popular American 1980s TV sitcom.

**abductee:** a person who claims to have been abducted by aliens.

**aerodynamic:** a shape that reduces the drag from air moving past.

**airfoil:** older term for delta or wing-shaped craft.

**airship:** 19th Century term for a UFO or blimp. i.e., the Airship Wave of the late 1800s.

**Ancient Astronaut Theory:** a belief that Earth has been visited by extraterrestrials in the distant past. Made popular by author's Erich von Däniken and Zecharia Sitchin. Scientist and academics categorize such beliefs as pseudohistory or pseudoarchaeology. i.e. Anunnaki, Nibiru, etc.

**Apex lights:** sometimes referred to lights on the corners (vertex) of a triangle-shaped UFO.

**ball lightning:** 1) rare and natural phenomena that is "buoyant plasma." 2) luminous, spherical atmospheric electrical phenomenon that is usually associated with thunderstorms, the phenomenon lasts considerably longer than the split-second flash of a lightning bolt leaving behind the odor of sulfur.

**Anunnaki:** alleged aliens from the planet Nibiru that influenced ancient Sumerian culture. Proposed by Zecharia Sitchin.

**bioengineering:** another term for genetic engineering.

**Blue Room:** Alleged room that stored alien bodies at Wright Patterson AFB. Also see Hanger 18.

**buoyant (aircraft):** lighter than the air or lighter than air craft. i.e. blimp, dirigible.

**clairvoyance:** an older term by contactees for extrasensory perception (ESP).

**close encounter:** 1) a person has an experience with a UFO craft and occupants. Usually UFO landing. 2) UFO category designation by J Allen Hynek. i.e. CE II, CE III (close encounter of the third kind).

**contactee:** A person who claimed to have contact with beings usually human in appearance during the 1950s. i.e. George Adamski, George Van Tassel.

**coronal discharge:** electrical discharge brought on by the ionization air surrounding a conductor.

**Crank:** a pejorative term for a person who holds an unshakable belief that most of his or her contemporaries consider to be false. Also see: pseudo-science.

**dirigible:** older term for a blimp, lighter-than-air craft, or airship.

**dinosauroid:** hypothetical humanoid being that evolved from the dinosaur that resembles the reptilians reported in alien abductions.

**genetic engineering:** the deliberate modification of the characteristics of an organism by manipulating its genetic material.

**ghost flyers:** people in Europe reported seeing phantom aircraft during the 1930s.

**ghost rockets:** in 1946 mysterious rockets or cigar shaped UFO;s would reportedly crash near Sweden.

**echelon (formation):** vehicles in parallel rows with the end of each row projecting further than the one in front.